

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-6: Canceled

Claim 7 (New)

A test article for standardized establishment of load exerted on textile fabric in assemblies in which washing, cleaning and drying processes are carried out, comprising:

a two- or three-dimensional article formed by individual elements or sections which are connected to one another and are at least partially displaced or come loose when acted upon by mechanical loads which occur as a result of the washing, cleaning and drying processes.

Claim 8 (New)

A test article according to claim 7, wherein the article comprises a fabric with interlinked threads.

Claim 9 (New)

A test article according to claim 8, wherein boundary threads are inserted in the article, said boundary threads differing from remaining threads in the article in at least one of color, size or nature.

Claim 10 (New)

A test article according to claim 8, further comprising additional threads in the article for visible subdivision of the sections.

Claim 11 (New)

A method for standardized testing of assemblies in which washing, cleaning and drying processes are conducted, by treatment and effect of the treatment on textile fabric, comprising the following steps:

a. introducing into the assembly a test article comprising a two- or three-dimensional article formed by individual elements or sections which are connected to one another and are at least partially displaced or come loose due when acted upon by mechanical loads which occur as a result of the washing, cleaning and drying processes;

b. processing the test article in the assembly; and

c. counting the sections or elements which have completely or partially come loose from the test article.